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**Upcoming Event
Mark Your Calendar**

Holiday Luncheon
Thursday, December 5, 2019



Carolyn Pura, Doris
Guntrum & Jorene Page



Roger Baroody, Dick Feil, Jerry Huntting



Bill Ormond, Diane Veca & Donna Davis

Switzerland

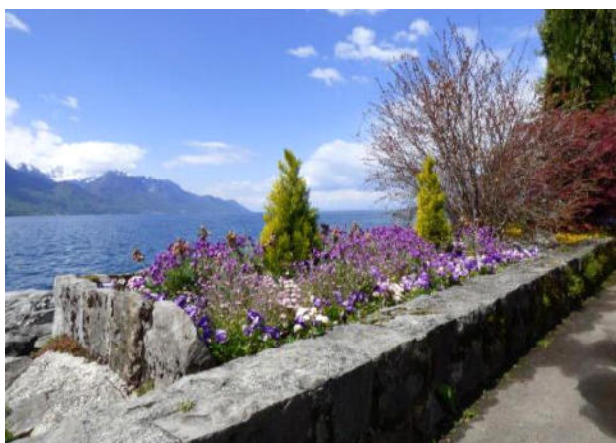
By Gail Bryan

In May 2019, Gail Bryan and Marge & Elton Mederios toured Switzerland. We started the trip in Lucerne. Highlights were the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument. Chapel Bridge is the oldest covered wooden bridge in Switzerland dating to the 14th century and is unique in that it has painting under the roofs. The bridge and water tower is located where the water from Lake Lucerne flows into the River Reuss.



Gail at Lion Monument

Lion Monument was designed as a memorial for the mercenary soldiers from central Switzerland who lost their lives while serving the French King Louis XVI during the French revolution. When the artist learned he was not going to be paid in full for his work he added the outline of the pig to get even.



Wildflowers along the path of Lake Geneva



Elton & Marge at Chapel Bridge



Painting in the bridge eaves.

After leaving Lucerne we visited Chillon Castle on Lake Geneva occupied by the house of Savoy and then by the Bernese from 1536-1798. The most beautiful walk we encountered was the walk from the castle to the city of Montreux. It was 3 miles along the lake with wildflowers all the way. The city of Montreux is famous for the statue of Freddie Mercury with the singing group Ocean. He lived there for a short while.



Chillon Castle

We then went to the town of Zermatt; only accessible by train. It was a small farming community until the late 1800's when tourists came to see the Matterhorn. Hotels and a cog railroad was built to climb up the mountain of Gornergrat (10,132 ft.) to view the Matterhorn.

We rode the Glacier Express to view the Swiss countryside and high Alps.



Zermatt, Switzerland



View of the countryside from the Glacier Express



The Cog rail train and the Matterhorn



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It was 28 degrees. But still quite pleasant eating lunch overlooking the Matterhorn on a sunny day.

We took the train West to visit Interlaken. While in Interlaken we used cog rails to go to the "Top of Europe". The mountain range with Jungfrauoch being the highest at 11,782 ft was a highlight of the trip. The visitor center is all enclosed with an ice palace, viewing area, observatory, cafes and gift shops.



Flower Pots in Interlaken

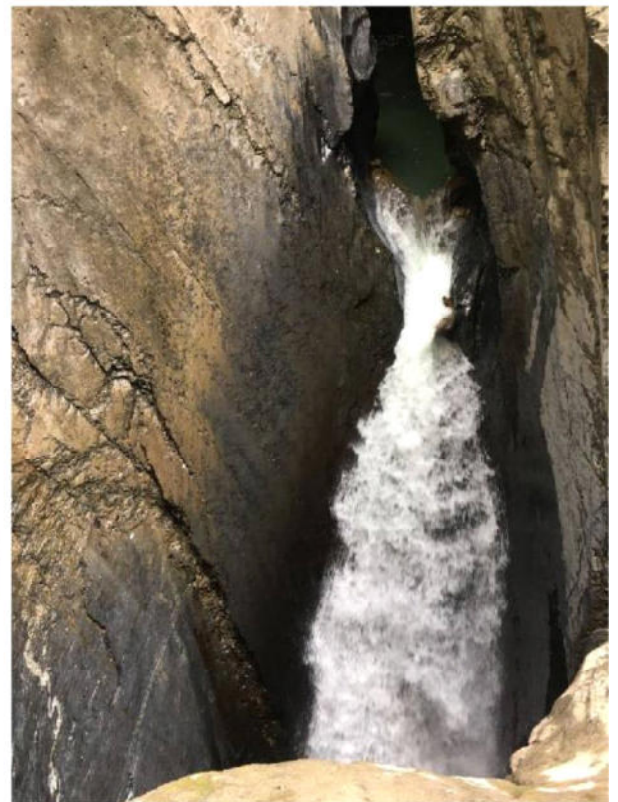
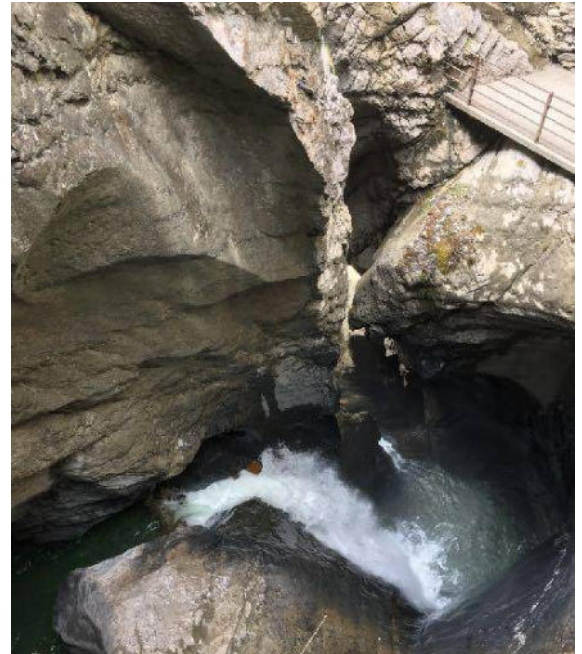


Top of Europe



Entrance to the Ice Palace. Ice is on all sides of it and figures of ice.

On our way back to Interlaken from the “Top of Europe” we visited Trummelback Falls. They are a series of ten glacier-fed waterfalls inside the mountain made accessible by a tunnel-funicular stairs built in 1913 and illuminated. The falls carry up to 20,000 litres of water per second.



The last city we visited in Switzerland was Bern. We stopped at a park on the edge of town that had a nice view of the city. There was a clock tower and various statues around the city. The shopping arcade is unique in that it is one of the longest arcades in Europe. There is a bear habitat along the Aare River. We did go on to France and Germany. If you'd like to see more of my pictures you can view them at my website at <https://gail-bryan.smugmug.com/Vacation/Switzerland-France-Germany-May-2019>.



June RASCAL Picnic



Jim & Carol Lathrop, Vivian Wang



Charles Hartwig, Barry Schrader,
Jim Berry



Christie O'Shea, Emily Joiner



Steve Hurd, Roger Everett,
Barry Schrader



Tim & Linda Evans



Jim Bartel, Lynda & Bill Ballard



Bill Ballard, Suzanne & John Didlake



Elton Mederios, Glenda Muir,
Ken Marx, Marge Mederios



Vivian Wang
Khabira Hartwig



Dave Abrahams, Jim Muir



Rich & Martha Campotti
Marge & Elton Mederios

Recent Deaths:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Jon Meeks | 01-23-19 |
| Robert Franssen | 02-19-19 |
| Herman Armijo | 03-23-19 |
| Bob Strout | 03-30-19 |
| Don Clarin | 04-21-19 |
| Sandy Ferrario | 05-02-19 |
| Mickey Rindone | 05-24-19 |
| Gene Voelker | 05-30-19 |
| Norm Wagner | 07-08-19 |
| Cook Story | 07-18-19 |
| Marlyn Diaz | 07-21-19 |
| Linda Armijo | 08-08-19 |

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